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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

Note: The report for the week of June was not published until June 11 due to internal technical issues on the part of two of our participating ocean carriers. Fortunately, one carrier was ultimately able to resolve their issues and has provided the data for last week. The other has not. Therefore, this report for the week of June 4 only includes data for five of the six participating carriers.

On a separate matter, we note that an error was found in the historical data from one carrier for 40ft high-cube containers in the Oakland market. No other locations, container types, or carrier responses were impacted. The error has been reoccurring from the week of February 26 through April 30, 2014. The Oakland data has been corrected in each of these reports in the archive portion of our website, and is featured in this week's historical analysis (See page 2).

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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

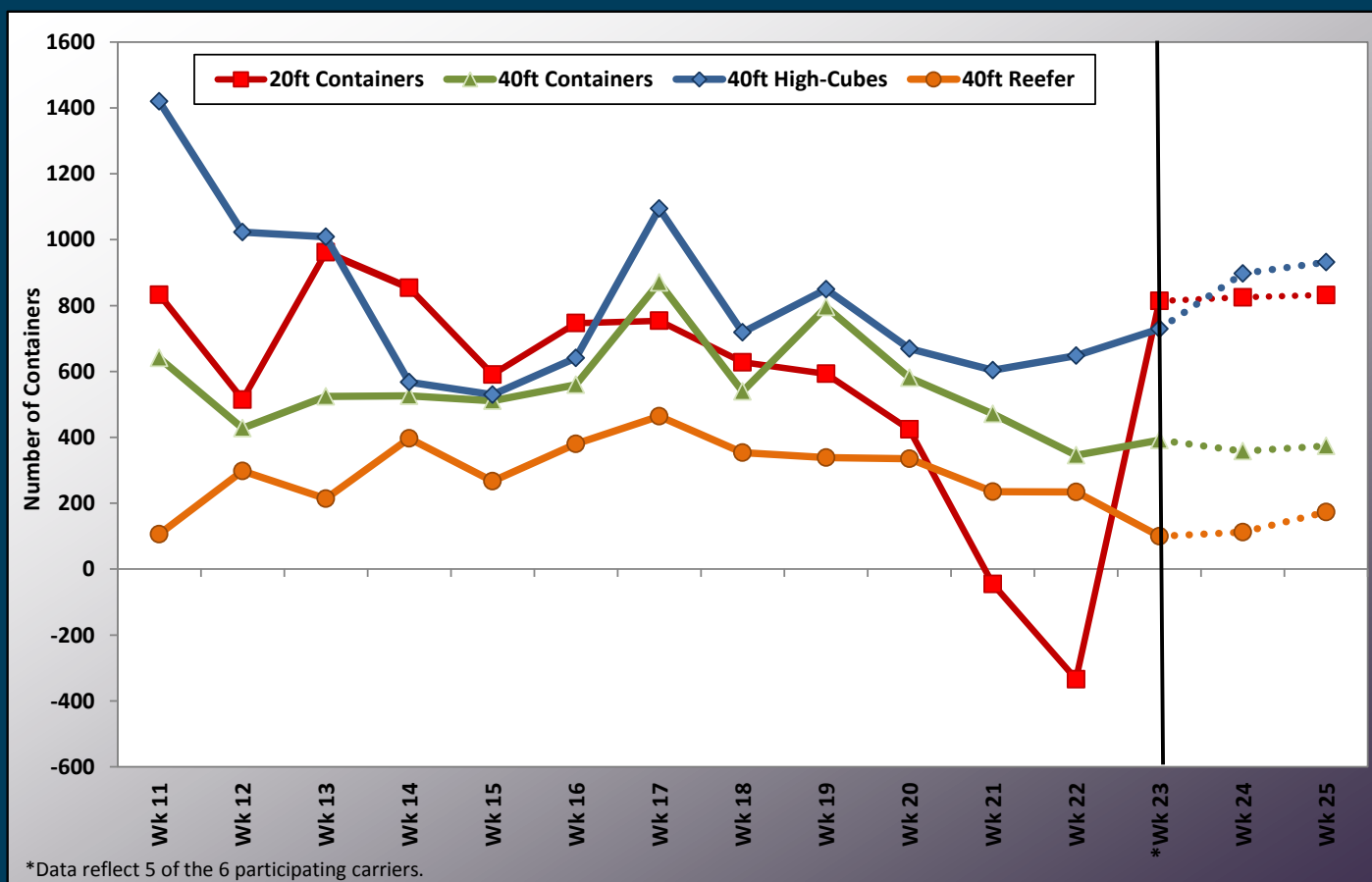
Historical Analysis of Oakland

Nearly a year ago, the Port of Oakland consolidated the operation of its ten terminals into only four, forcing two terminal operators (SSA Terminals and Ports America) to incorporate extra terminal space and operations into their current setup. Network systems, gate operations, labor pools, traffic flows, and general terminal efficiencies had to be reorganized. Some terminals also transitioned from wheeled operations where containers are stored on wheeled chassis to stacked or grounded operations where containers are stored in stacks on the terminals. Stacked operations are generally agreed to be more efficient but require additional container handling equipment which the terminal operators at Oakland had to purchase and implement as part of the terminal consolidation. All of these challenges caused significant delays and long truck lines outside the gates, decreasing the number of turns a trucker could perform each day. The delays have improved, but work remains to be done. The port is working with the terminal operators and trade stakeholders to establish extended gate hours.

Between April and June of 2013, Oakland moved more than 1.13 million metric tons of containerized agricultural products. The top four exports were fairly evenly distributed; animal feed (11 percent), edible nuts (11 percent), rice (10 percent), and meat products (10 percent). In addition, wine accounted for 8 percent and prepared tomatoes 6 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 59 percent of these exports. During the same period, Evergreen Line, Hanjin Shipping, and Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) were used to ship 11 percent each of agricultural exports, followed by Hapag Lloyd at 9 percent and K Line at 8 percent.¹

Over the past several weeks, the availability of each of the reported container types in Oakland has been strong, with small weekly fluctuations. Estimates for 20ft dry containers took a diversion from the other container types just three weeks ago as availability began to fall even below 0 for two consecutive weeks then bounced back this past week.² Estimates for 20ft and 40ft dry containers have averaged 564 and 553 units though estimates for 20ft containers have been more varied than 40ft containers. Over the next two weeks, the participating carriers are expecting small increases for each of the reported container types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Oakland, 3rd week of March (Wk 11) through 1st week of June (Wk 23), 2014, with Projections



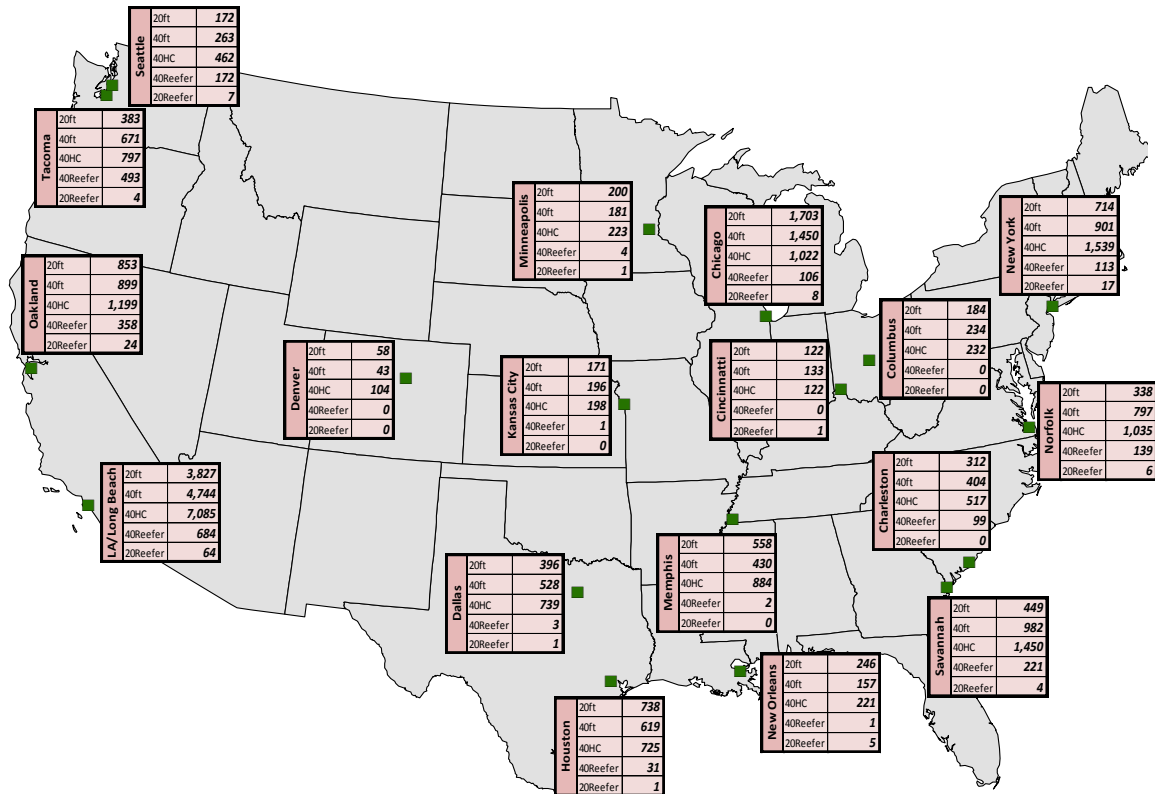
- 1 Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
- 2 Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate the demand for containers is greater than the supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

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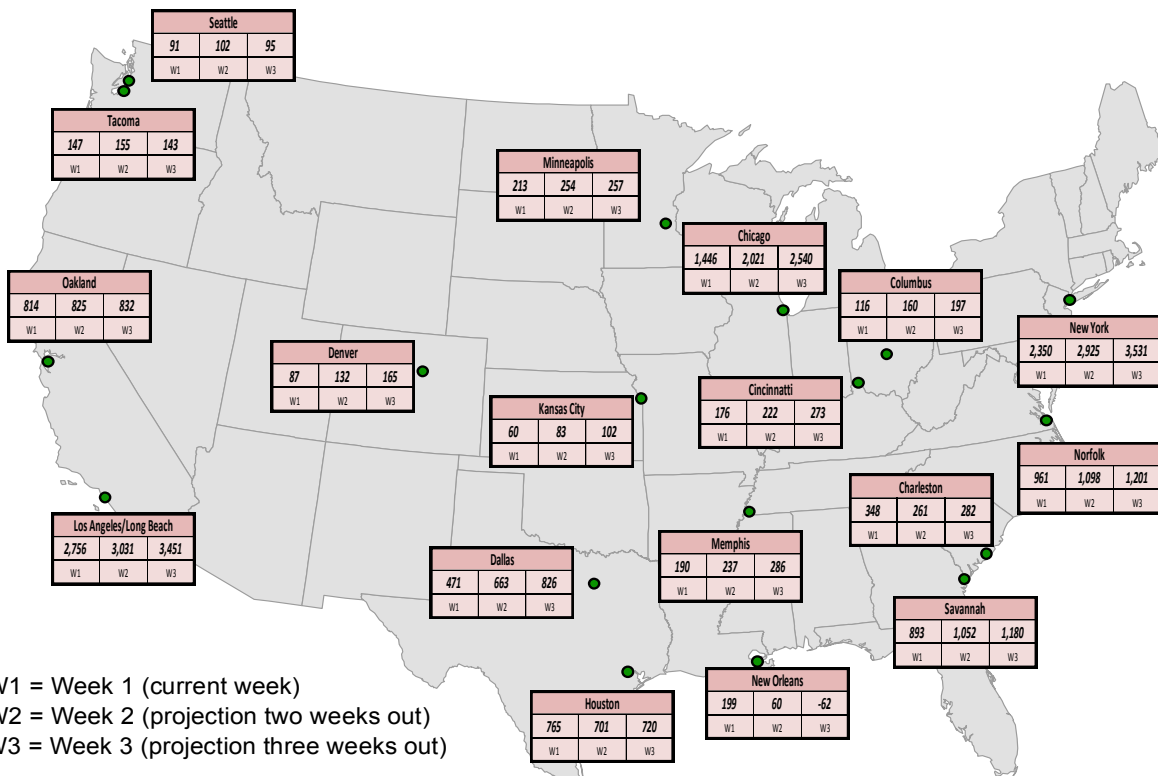
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



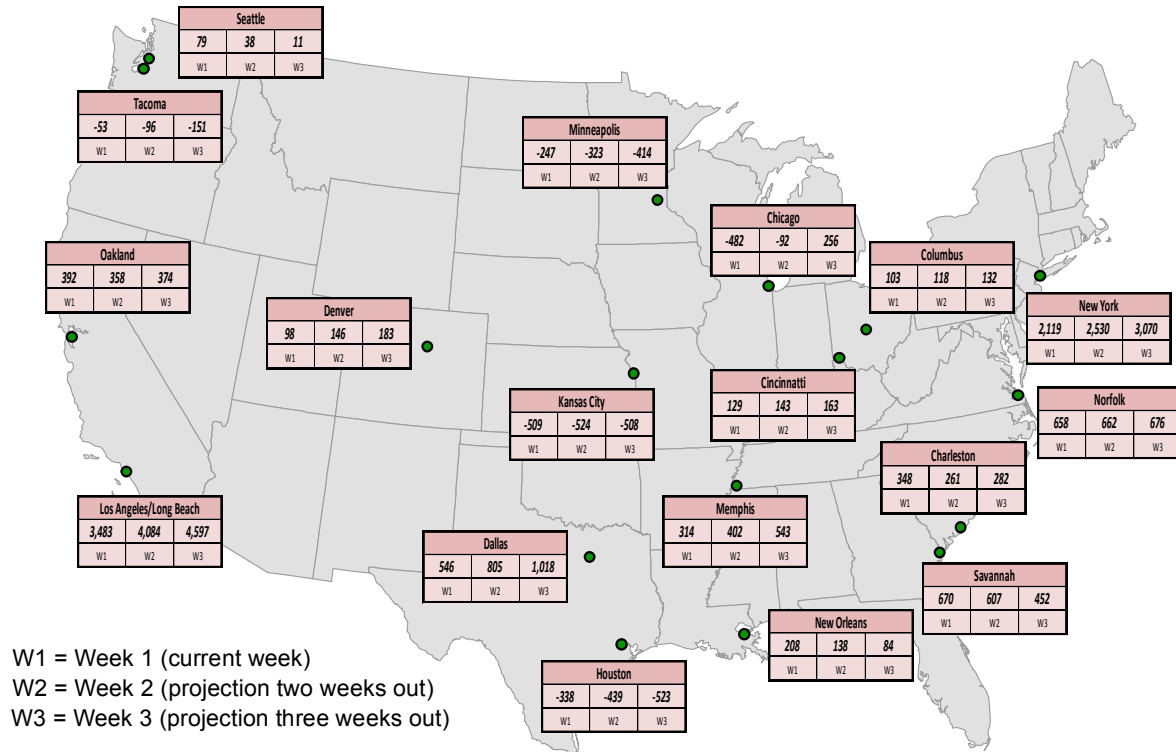
W1 = Week 1 (current week)

W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)

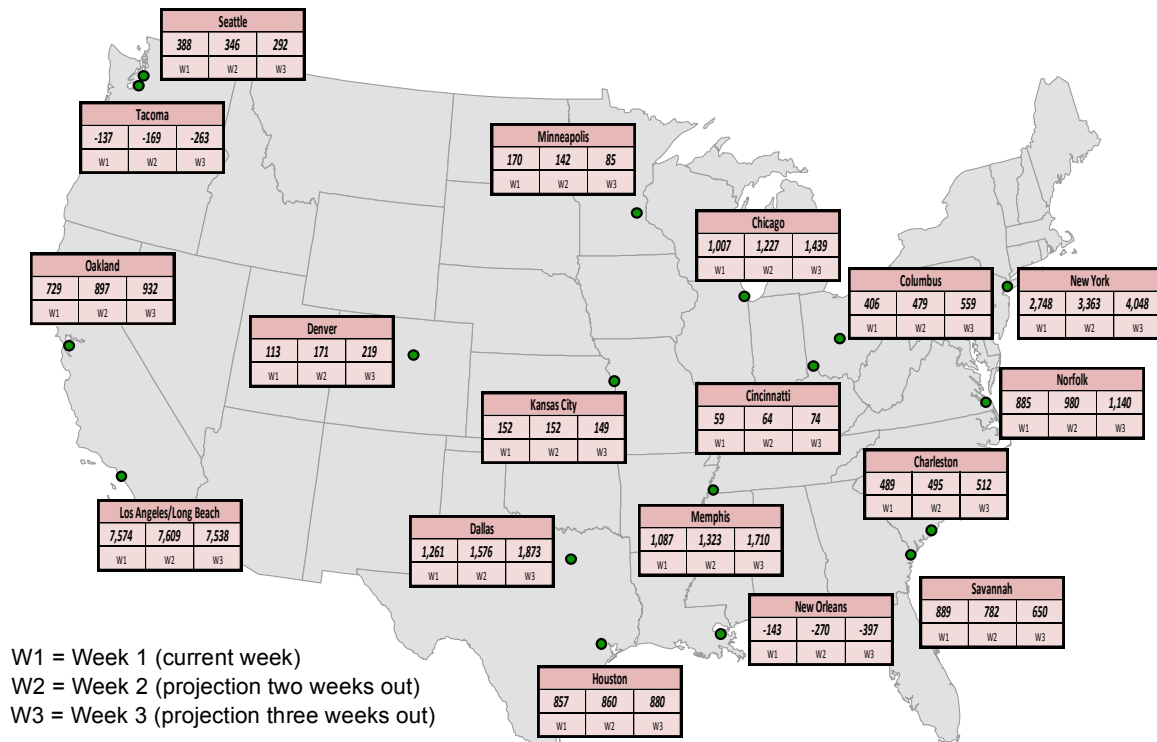
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

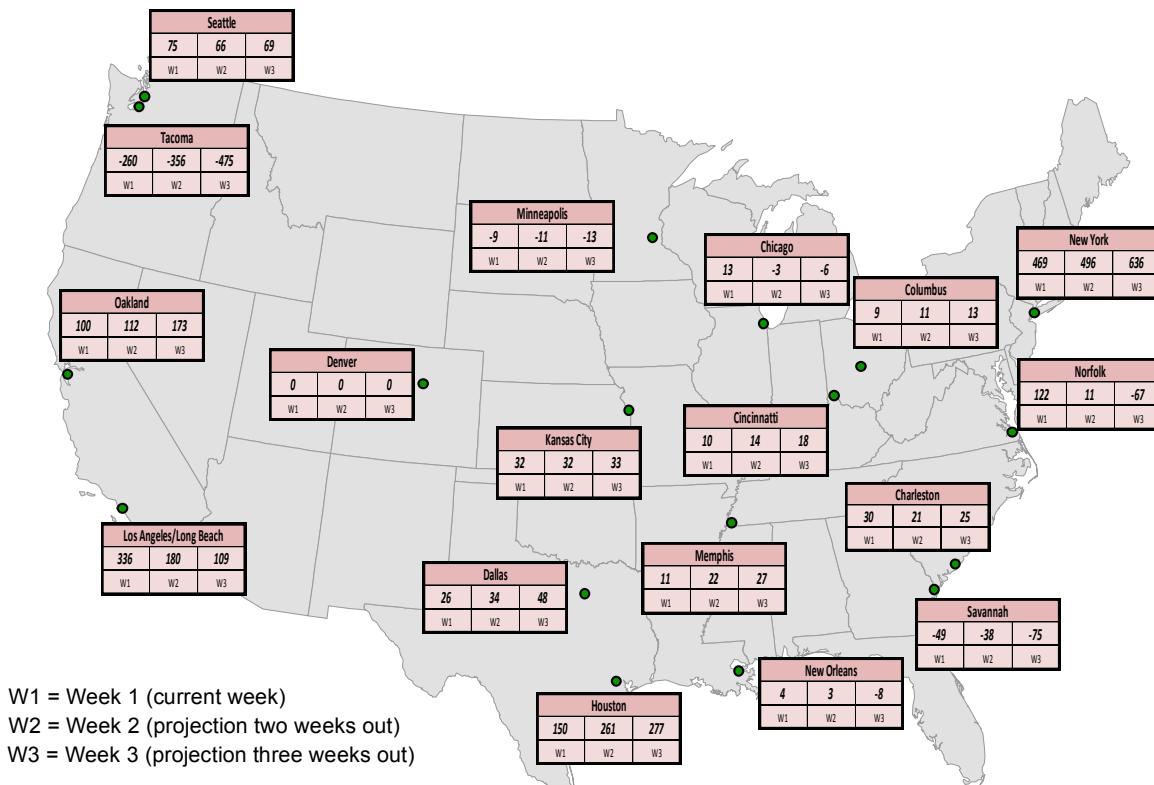


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

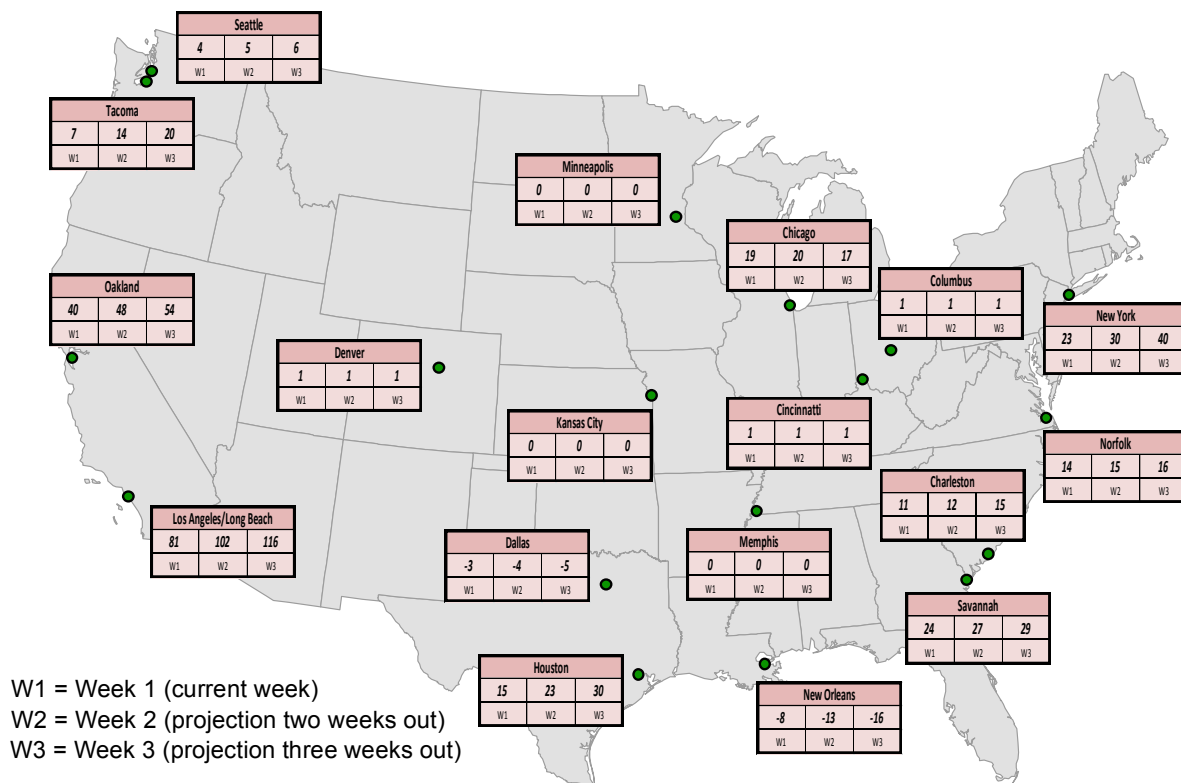




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	107	90	85	56	10	.	.	.	.	.	348
Week 2: Jun 11-17	63	90	59	58	-9	.	.	.	.	.	261
Week 3: Jun 18-24	60	90	62	55	15	.	.	.	.	.	282
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	128	92	90	46	32	.	.	.	.	.	388
Week 2: Jun 11-17	159	104	90	88	31	.	.	.	.	.	472
Week 3: Jun 18-24	148	122	90	116	33	.	.	.	.	.	509
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	156	135	130	36	32	.	.	.	.	.	489
Week 2: Jun 11-17	227	97	130	38	3	.	.	.	.	.	495
Week 3: Jun 18-24	263	92	130	36	-9	.	.	.	.	.	512
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	38	23	5	5	-41	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 2: Jun 11-17	44	15	5	5	-48	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Jun 18-24	50	6	5	5	-41	.	.	.	.	.	25
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	7	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Jun 11-17	8	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Jun 18-24	9	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	1,257	263	135	-9	-200	.	.	.	.	.	1,446
Week 2: Jun 11-17	1,621	477	135	-12	-200	.	.	.	.	.	2,021
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1,956	654	140	-10	-200	.	.	.	.	.	2,540
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	476	287	12	-57	-1,200	.	.	.	.	.	-482
Week 2: Jun 11-17	617	466	10	15	-1,200	.	.	.	.	.	-92
Week 3: Jun 18-24	740	683	8	25	-1,200	.	.	.	.	.	256
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	1,056	544	120	87	-800	.	.	.	.	.	1,007
Week 2: Jun 11-17	1,266	601	125	35	-800	.	.	.	.	.	1,227
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1,496	575	140	28	-800	.	.	.	.	.	1,439
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	71	26	0	-84	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Jun 11-17	73	30	0	-106	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Jun 18-24	86	30	0	-122	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	13	6	19
Week 2: Jun 11-17	12	8	20
Week 3: Jun 18-24	11	6	17

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	93	49	18	15	1	176
Week 2: Jun 11-17	127	65	15	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	222
Week 3: Jun 18-24	155	89	14	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	273
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	97	20	13	4	-5	.	.	.	.	.	129
Week 2: Jun 11-17	112	19	16	1	-5	.	.	.	.	.	143
Week 3: Jun 18-24	125	18	23	2	-5	.	.	.	.	.	163
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	31	22	12	9	-15	.	.	.	.	.	59
Week 2: Jun 11-17	46	24	-1	10	-15	.	.	.	.	.	64
Week 3: Jun 18-24	53	26	-1	11	-15	.	.	.	.	.	74
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Jun 11-17	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Jun 18-24	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jun 11-17	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	61	29	26	5	-5	116
Week 2: Jun 11-17	86	50	25	5	-6	.	.	.	.	.	160
Week 3: Jun 18-24	106	64	26	5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	197
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	61	20	17	12	-7	.	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: Jun 11-17	66	20	11	0	21	.	.	.	.	.	118
Week 3: Jun 18-24	62	20	14	1	35	.	.	.	.	.	132
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	150	128	97	30	1	.	.	.	.	.	406
Week 2: Jun 11-17	191	110	147	30	1	.	.	.	.	.	479
Week 3: Jun 18-24	230	109	190	30	0	.	.	.	.	.	559
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Jun 11-17	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Jun 18-24	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jun 11-17	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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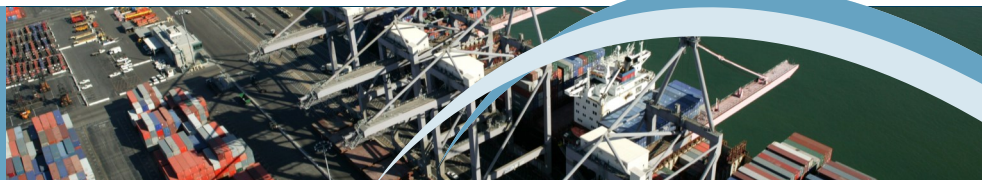


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	164	130	109	60	8	471
Week 2: Jun 11-17	272	218	104	60	9	.	.	.	.	.	663
Week 3: Jun 18-24	379	278	99	60	10	.	.	.	.	.	826
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	197	156	156	20	17	.	.	.	.	.	546
Week 2: Jun 11-17	338	271	164	20	12	.	.	.	.	.	805
Week 3: Jun 18-24	443	386	157	20	12	.	.	.	.	.	1,018
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	472	379	251	150	9	.	.	.	.	.	1,261
Week 2: Jun 11-17	690	349	377	150	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,576
Week 3: Jun 18-24	881	320	512	150	10	.	.	.	.	.	1,873
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	36	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 2: Jun 11-17	46	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Jun 18-24	62	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Jun 11-17	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Jun 18-24	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	88	10	5	1	-17	87
Week 2: Jun 11-17	111	15	5	3	-2	.	.	.	.	.	132
Week 3: Jun 18-24	134	25	5	5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	165
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	86	12	1	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	98
Week 2: Jun 11-17	114	19	1	10	2	.	.	.	.	.	146
Week 3: Jun 18-24	136	37	1	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	183
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	124	29	17	13	-70	.	.	.	.	.	113
Week 2: Jun 11-17	160	27	27	27	-70	.	.	.	.	.	171
Week 3: Jun 18-24	195	29	40	25	-70	.	.	.	.	.	219
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jun 11-17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jun 18-24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jun 11-17	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	270	265	200	34	-4	765
Week 2: Jun 11-17	268	217	200	9	7	.	.	.	.	.	701
Week 3: Jun 18-24	267	235	200	7	11	.	.	.	.	.	720
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	213	201	4	-200	-556	.	.	.	.	.	-338
Week 2: Jun 11-17	210	244	-5	-200	-688	.	.	.	.	.	-439
Week 3: Jun 18-24	212	278	-7	-200	-806	.	.	.	.	.	-523
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	551	250	157	-1	-100	.	.	.	.	.	857
Week 2: Jun 11-17	555	202	188	15	-100	.	.	.	.	.	860
Week 3: Jun 18-24	554	183	227	16	-100	.	.	.	.	.	880
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	102	33	13	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	150
Week 2: Jun 11-17	118	100	41	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	261
Week 3: Jun 18-24	122	100	53	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	277
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	22	0	-7	15
Week 2: Jun 11-17	27	0	-4	23
Week 3: Jun 18-24	32	0	-2	30

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	48	43	0	-1	-30	60
Week 2: Jun 11-17	60	40	13	0	-30	.	.	.	.	.	83
Week 3: Jun 18-24	78	35	18	1	-30	.	.	.	.	.	102
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	41	33	18	-1	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-509
Week 2: Jun 11-17	35	35	14	-8	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-524
Week 3: Jun 18-24	38	49	11	-6	-600	.	.	.	.	.	-508
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	67	50	19	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	152
Week 2: Jun 11-17	59	50	26	23	-6	.	.	.	.	.	152
Week 3: Jun 18-24	58	50	26	19	-4	.	.	.	.	.	149
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	19	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 2: Jun 11-17	15	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: Jun 18-24	12	21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jun 11-17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jun 18-24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	860	730	607	600	-41	.	.	.	.	.	2,756
Week 2: Jun 11-17	1,076	716	610	600	29	.	.	.	.	.	3,031
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1,297	710	600	600	244	.	.	.	.	.	3,451
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	900	764	752	561	506	.	.	.	.	.	3,483
Week 2: Jun 11-17	900	755	812	959	658	.	.	.	.	.	4,084
Week 3: Jun 18-24	900	756	800	1,344	797	.	.	.	.	.	4,597
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	3,200	2,771	1,702	401	-500	.	.	.	.	.	7,574
Week 2: Jun 11-17	3,200	2,760	1,875	420	-646	.	.	.	.	.	7,609
Week 3: Jun 18-24	3,200	2,755	1,775	594	-786	.	.	.	.	.	7,538
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	126	85	75	25	25	.	.	.	.	.	336
Week 2: Jun 11-17	46	118	75	-79	20	.	.	.	.	.	180
Week 3: Jun 18-24	87	149	75	-227	25	.	.	.	.	.	109
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	70	10	1	81
Week 2: Jun 11-17	85	10	7	102
Week 3: Jun 18-24	100	10	6	116

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	100	45	35	8	2	190
Week 2: Jun 11-17	100	47	46	38	6	.	.	.	.	.	237
Week 3: Jun 18-24	100	44	64	74	4	.	.	.	.	.	286
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	100	95	80	45	-6	.	.	.	.	.	314
Week 2: Jun 11-17	100	143	90	70	-1	.	.	.	.	.	402
Week 3: Jun 18-24	100	256	87	100	0	.	.	.	.	.	543
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	600	228	133	120	6	.	.	.	.	.	1,087
Week 2: Jun 11-17	600	389	131	187	16	.	.	.	.	.	1,323
Week 3: Jun 18-24	600	702	135	259	14	.	.	.	.	.	1,710
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Jun 11-17	16	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Jun 18-24	20	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	0	0
Week 2: Jun 11-17	0	0
Week 3: Jun 18-24	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	164	99	-4	-16	-30	213
Week 2: Jun 11-17	164	106	6	8	-30	.	.	.	.	.	254
Week 3: Jun 18-24	163	114	4	6	-30	.	.	.	.	.	257
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	36	35	8	-125	-201	.	.	.	.	.	-247
Week 2: Jun 11-17	25	27	22	-125	-272	.	.	.	.	.	-323
Week 3: Jun 18-24	22	20	15	-125	-346	.	.	.	.	.	-414
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	159	70	3	-2	-60	.	.	.	.	.	170
Week 2: Jun 11-17	139	65	-18	16	-60	.	.	.	.	.	142
Week 3: Jun 18-24	113	60	-41	13	-60	.	.	.	.	.	85
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Jun 11-17	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 3: Jun 18-24	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	0
Week 2: Jun 11-17	0
Week 3: Jun 18-24	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	159	67	3	0	-30	199
Week 2: Jun 11-17	34	45	11	0	-30	.	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Jun 18-24	-66	21	12	1	-30	.	.	.	.	.	-62
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	154	50	5	2	-3	.	.	.	.	.	208
Week 2: Jun 11-17	87	45	5	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	138
Week 3: Jun 18-24	29	46	5	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	84
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	27	10	2	-2	-180	.	.	.	.	.	-143
Week 2: Jun 11-17	28	10	0	-2	-306	.	.	.	.	.	-270
Week 3: Jun 18-24	25	10	-2	-3	-427	.	.	.	.	.	-397
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Jun 11-17	6	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Jun 18-24	-2	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	4	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8
Week 2: Jun 11-17	4	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 3: Jun 18-24	4	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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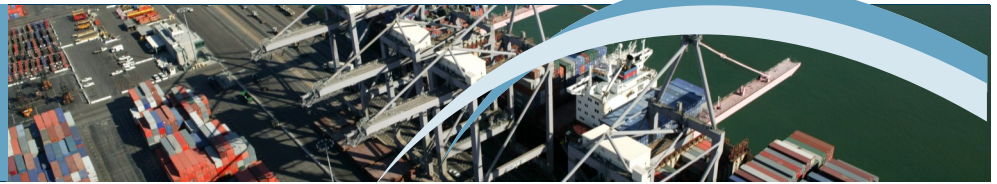


New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	818	780	400	246	106	2,350
Week 2: Jun 11-17	1,271	777	400	213	264	.	.	.	.	.	2,925
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1,662	787	400	209	473	.	.	.	.	.	3,531
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	575	575	384	350	235	.	.	.	.	.	2,119
Week 2: Jun 11-17	891	745	382	350	162	.	.	.	.	.	2,530
Week 3: Jun 18-24	1,172	1,013	380	350	155	.	.	.	.	.	3,070
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	900	680	604	378	186	.	.	.	.	.	2,748
Week 2: Jun 11-17	900	1,101	610	615	137	.	.	.	.	.	3,363
Week 3: Jun 18-24	900	1,509	612	907	120	.	.	.	.	.	4,048
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	229	119	101	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	469
Week 2: Jun 11-17	316	151	9	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	496
Week 3: Jun 18-24	396	188	32	10	10	.	.	.	.	.	636
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	16	5	2	23
Week 2: Jun 11-17	22	5	3	30
Week 3: Jun 18-24	28	5	7	40

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	400	311	136	100	14	961
Week 2: Jun 11-17	401	387	190	100	20	.	.	.	.	.	1,098
Week 3: Jun 18-24	399	465	219	100	18	.	.	.	.	.	1,201
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	248	213	143	34	20	.	.	.	.	.	658
Week 2: Jun 11-17	280	210	142	10	20	.	.	.	.	.	662
Week 3: Jun 18-24	348	156	145	7	20	.	.	.	.	.	676
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	366	233	217	150	-81	.	.	.	.	.	885
Week 2: Jun 11-17	345	323	249	150	-87	.	.	.	.	.	980
Week 3: Jun 18-24	350	427	286	150	-73	.	.	.	.	.	1,140
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	89	49	10	5	-31	.	.	.	.	.	122
Week 2: Jun 11-17	29	2	10	5	-35	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Jun 18-24	-18	-48	10	5	-16	.	.	.	.	.	-67
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	12	1	1	14
Week 2: Jun 11-17	12	1	2	15
Week 3: Jun 18-24	12	1	3	16

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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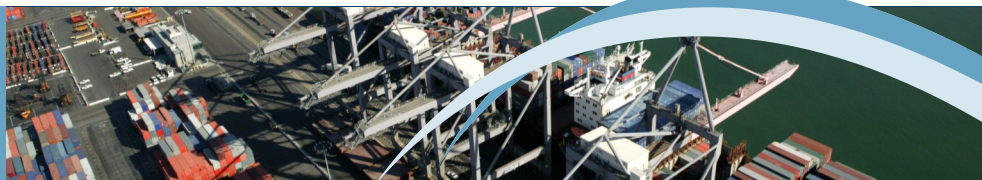


Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	371	200	141	128	-26	814
Week 2: Jun 11-17	365	200	128	135	-3	.	.	.	.	.	825
Week 3: Jun 18-24	366	200	120	148	-2	.	.	.	.	.	832
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	273	118	70	9	-78	.	.	.	.	.	392
Week 2: Jun 11-17	275	75	70	63	-125	.	.	.	.	.	358
Week 3: Jun 18-24	273	66	70	104	-139	.	.	.	.	.	374
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	400	300	130	113	-214	.	.	.	.	.	729
Week 2: Jun 11-17	429	300	128	170	-130	.	.	.	.	.	897
Week 3: Jun 18-24	439	300	131	181	-119	.	.	.	.	.	932
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	78	61	30	10	-79	.	.	.	.	.	100
Week 2: Jun 11-17	76	76	30	-5	-65	.	.	.	.	.	112
Week 3: Jun 18-24	73	133	30	-5	-58	.	.	.	.	.	173
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	27	10	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: Jun 11-17	33	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Week 3: Jun 18-24	39	10	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	371	192	140	105	85	893
Week 2: Jun 11-17	375	272	140	194	71	.	.	.	.	.	1,052
Week 3: Jun 18-24	374	314	140	287	65	.	.	.	.	.	1,180
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	510	418	160	-51	-367	.	.	.	.	.	670
Week 2: Jun 11-17	605	415	160	-31	-542	.	.	.	.	.	607
Week 3: Jun 18-24	605	413	160	-32	-694	.	.	.	.	.	452
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	400	303	262	101	-177	.	.	.	.	.	889
Week 2: Jun 11-17	400	299	310	-58	-169	.	.	.	.	.	782
Week 3: Jun 18-24	400	302	196	-65	-183	.	.	.	.	.	650
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	85	10	-11	-58	-75	.	.	.	.	.	-49
Week 2: Jun 11-17	73	10	-17	-54	-50	.	.	.	.	.	-38
Week 3: Jun 18-24	58	10	-19	-74	-50	.	.	.	.	.	-75
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	20	3	1	24
Week 2: Jun 11-17	22	4	1	27
Week 3: Jun 18-24	24	4	1	29

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	150	-3	-56	91
Week 2: Jun 11-17	150	8	-56	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	102
Week 3: Jun 18-24	150	9	-64	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	95
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	53	15	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: Jun 11-17	18	15	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Jun 18-24	-13	15	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	315	100	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	388
Week 2: Jun 11-17	318	100	-72	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	346
Week 3: Jun 18-24	310	100	-118	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	292
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	54	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Week 2: Jun 11-17	45	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 3: Jun 18-24	48	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	69
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	3	1	4
Week 2: Jun 11-17	4	1	5
Week 3: Jun 18-24	5	1	6

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	88	25	24	10	147
Week 2: Jun 11-17	71	49	25	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	155
Week 3: Jun 18-24	55	55	23	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	143
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	50	1	-16	-88	.	.	.	.	.	.	-53
Week 2: Jun 11-17	48	1	-52	-93	.	.	.	.	.	.	-96
Week 3: Jun 18-24	17	1	-60	-109	.	.	.	.	.	.	-151
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	117	96	20	-370	.	.	.	.	.	.	-137
Week 2: Jun 11-17	115	24	20	-328	.	.	.	.	.	.	-169
Week 3: Jun 18-24	110	-93	20	-300	.	.	.	.	.	.	-263
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	41	5	0	-306	.	.	.	.	.	.	-260
Week 2: Jun 11-17	-99	5	0	-262	.	.	.	.	.	.	-356
Week 3: Jun 18-24	-213	5	0	-267	.	.	.	.	.	.	-475
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jun 4-10	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jun 11-17	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Jun 18-24	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

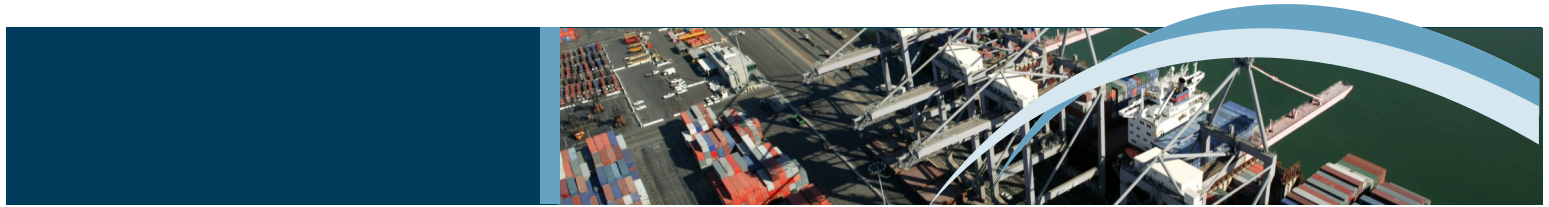
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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